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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 22nd February, 1955

SUBJECT —Import of Sugar (Raw), S. No. 68 of Part IV of the Import Trade Control Schedule

No. 10-I.T.C.(P.N.)/55.—The Government of India have decided to permit import of some quantity of raw sugar for refining the same in vacuum pan sugar factories. Factories desirous of importing raw sugar may submit their applications to the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, New Delhi, on the prescribed form with the required fee for the grant of an import licence. The last date for the receipt of applications will be 9th March, 1955. A copy of the application should also be sent to the Chief Director, Directorate of Sugar and Vanaspati, Jamnagar House, New Delhi

2. The applicant should furnish the following information:—

- (1) Process to be used for refining stating clearly whether portion or whole of the raw sugar will be refined by mixing with sugarcane juice during the season or separately after the season.
- (2) Daily capacity for refining in Tons.
- (3) Refining programme specifying the date by which crushing of cane is expected to be completed.
- (4) Port at which raw sugar will be imported.
- (5) Railway freight from the port concerned to the factory.
- (6) Quantity of raw sugar proposed to be imported, the country of origin or the currency area, and the price of raw sugar c.i.f. Indian Port

3. The terms and conditions under which the licence will be issued are as follows:—

- (1) The factory shall purchase and import the quantity of raw sugar for which licence has been issued at its cost and risk. To ensure that the factory imports the quantity licensed, it shall furnish to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture within 15 days of the grant of an import licence a guarantee from a Scheduled Bank executed in favour of the President of India for an amount calculated at the rate of Rs. 5 per ton of raw sugar licensed. Guarantee from Banks other than the Imperial Bank of India shall be underwritten by the Reserve Bank of India. The guarantee should be valid for a period of one year and will be returned after the factory has imported the entire quantity of raw sugar. The guarantee shall be forfeited if no raw sugar is imported for reasons not beyond factory's control.
- (2) An import duty at the rate of Rs. 4/12/- per cwt. shall be levied.
- (3) All the raw sugar imported shall be refined in the factory and shall not be used or disposed of in any other manner without the prior approval of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. Such permission, will, however, be granted only in exceptional circumstances and full import duty at the time of import or the grant of permission for using the raw sugar for a purpose other than refining in vacuum pan factory, whichever is more, shall be payable on the quantities permitted to be so used.
- (4) The raw sugar imported shall conform to the definition laid down in the Customs Notification No. 160, dated 27th November, 1954, that is, "it shall be sugar with associated impurities having a sucrose content not exceeding 99 per cent. by weight on the material dried at 105°C."
- (5) All the quantity applied for should be imported and the refining of raw sugar completed by 31st October, 1955.
- (6) Excise duty on the refined sugar will be payable in the usual manner at the rate prevailing at the time of payment of this duty. The excise duty shall be in addition to the import duty of Rs. 4/12/- per cwt. payable at the time of importation of raw sugar. The factory shall inform the Ministry of Food and Agriculture as soon as arrangements for the purchase of raw sugar are completed giving details of the quantity purchased, the price and other terms of purchase, the period of shipment and the time when the raw sugar is expected to arrive in the country. On receipt of this information, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture will issue a certificate for clearing the consignment on payment of the reduced custom duty of Rs. 4/12/- per cwt.

- (7) Immediately after the raw sugar has arrived at an Indian port the factory shall inform the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and also give the programme for its refining. A fortnightly report about the quantity of raw sugar processed and the quantity of refined sugar produced or any other information that may be required by Government in this connection shall be furnished to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.
- (8) The factory shall make its own arrangements for the movement of raw sugar from the Port to its site. The Government will, however, provide priority movement as far as practicable.
- (9) The factory shall keep separate accounts relating to the purchase, clearance, handling and transportation and refining of raw sugar and shall produce the same for inspection or checking by any Government Officer as and when called upon to do so.
- (10) The refined sugar produced by the factory may be disposed of without any restriction on its sale or price, but such sugar shall not be sold unless a release order from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture is issued.

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